

friendly way to obtain information about recreational opportunities in the national parks and other public recreation sites.

As we observe National Park Week, I encourage all citizens to explore our national parks and to commit to the conservation and stewardship of these timeless treasures. By working together, we can ensure that these special places thrive for generations to come.

Now, Therefore, I, George W. Bush, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim April 21 through April 27, 2003, as National Park Week. I call upon the people of the United States to join me in recognizing the importance of our national parks and to learn more about these areas of beauty, their historical significance, and the many ways citizens can volunteer to help preserve these precious resources.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this eighteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-seventh.

George W. Bush

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**Executive Order 13296—
Amendments to Executive Order
13296, Protection of Children From
Environmental Health Risks and
Safety Risks**

April 18, 2003

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and in order to extend the Task Force on Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks to Children, and for other purposes, it is hereby ordered that Executive Order 13045 of April 21, 1997, as amended, is further amended as follows:

Section 1. Subsection 3–303(o) is amended by striking “Assistant to the President and”.

Sec. 2. Section 3–305 is amended by:

(a) striking “cabinet agencies and other agencies identified” and inserting in lieu thereof “executive departments, the Environmental Protection Agency, and other agencies identified”; and

(b) inserting the following new language after the second sentence: “Each report shall also detail the accomplishments of the Task Force from the date of the preceding report.”

Sec. 3. Section 3–306 is amended by:

(a) striking “6 years” and inserting in lieu thereof “8 years”; and

(b) striking the second sentence.

Sec. 4. Section 6–601, the second sentence, is amended by deleting “an annual” and inserting “a biennial” in lieu thereof.

Sec. 5. Section 6–603, the third sentence, is amended by deleting “submitted annually” and inserting “published biennially” in lieu thereof.

Sec. 6. Section 7 is amended by adding new section 7–703 as follows: “7–703. Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect the functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budget, administrative, or legislative proposals.”

George W. Bush

The White House,
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**Digest of Other
White House Announcements**

The following list includes the President’s public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

April 12

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing at Camp David, MD. Later, he had a videoconference meeting with his war council.

April 13

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will postpone his state visit to Ottawa, Canada, which was scheduled for May 5.

April 14

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings and met with the National Security Council. Later, he met with Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld.

Also in the morning, the President had separate telephone conversations with President Jose Maria Aznar of Spain, Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia, and President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt to discuss the situation in Iraq and peace efforts in the Middle East.

The White House announced that the President and Mrs. Bush will welcome Prime Minister John Howard of Australia and his wife, Janette, to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, on May 2–3.

April 15

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings and met with the National Security Council. Later, he had separate meetings with Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and Secretary of State Colin L. Powell.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President Jacques Chirac of France to discuss the situations in Iraq and Syria, peace efforts in the Middle East, and the G–8 summit to be held June 1–3 in France.

April 16

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi of Japan to discuss reconstruction efforts in Iraq and the situation in North Korea. Later, he had intelligence and

FBI briefings and met with the National Security Council. He then met with Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to St. Louis, MO, where he toured the Boeing Integrated Defense Systems headquarters.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

The President announced his intention to nominate Charles D. Snelling to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority.

The President announced his intention to nominate Harry K. Thomas, Jr., to be Ambassador to Bangladesh.

The President announced his intention to nominate William B. Wood to be Ambassador to Colombia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert W. Fitts to be Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu.

The President announced his intention to nominate Tracey A. Jacobson to be Ambassador to Turkmenistan.

The President announced his intention to appoint Daniel W. Sutherland as Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties at the Department of Homeland Security.

The President announced his intention to nominate the following individuals to be members of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development: John R. Grimes, Georgianna E. Ignace, Lisa G. Nason, and Henry Townsend.

April 17

In the morning, at the Bush Ranch, the President had a telephone conversation with President Jose Maria Aznar of Spain to discuss the situation in Iraq and peace efforts in the Middle East. Later, he had intelligence and national security briefings.

The President announced his intention to nominate Susan C. Schwab to be First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

The President announced his intention to appoint Hattie Daniels-Rush as a member of the Commission on Presidential Scholars.

The President announced his intention to appoint Michael Sade as a member of the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations: Charles E. Kruse, Steven J. McCormick, Kevin B. Rollins, and Robert L. Wright.

The President announced his intention to appoint Stuart F. Bruny, Kenneth S. Komoroski, and Donald S. Welsh as Commissioners of the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission.

The President announced his intention to reappoint the following individuals as members of the President's Committee on Mental Retardation: Nancy Blanchard, Mary C. Bruene, Zoraida Fonalledas, Brenda Leath, Alvaro Marin, Kim Porter-Hoppe, Michael Rogers, Windy Smith, and Gene Stallings, Jr.

April 18

In the morning, at the Bush Ranch, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President announced his intention to appoint Rebecca O. Campoverde and James Roberts as members of the White House Commission on the National Moment of Remembrance.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released April 13

Statement by the Press Secretary: Postponement of the President's Trip to Canada

Released April 14

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit of Prime Minister John Howard of Australia to Crawford

Released April 15

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Fact sheet: Strengthening America's Economy

Released April 16

Transcript of a press gaggle by Deputy Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 1559

Released April 17

Transcript of a press gaggle by Deputy Press Secretary Claire Buchan

Statement by the Deputy Press Secretary: United Nations Sanctions Cuba for Human Rights Violations

Released April 18

Transcript of a press gaggle by Deputy Press Secretary Claire Buchan

Acts Approved by the President

Approved April 16

H.R. 1559 / Public Law 108-11
Emergency Wartime Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2003